

RESTRICTION PRESENTED

The claims have been restricted into the following groups of inventions:

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
I	1-11, 51-62, and 64	A method of screening antibodies.
II	12-33	A treatment method using an immunoconjugate.
III	34-50	Antibodies and conjugates thereof.
IV	63, 65 and 66	A method of detecting a tumor.

Additionally, a species election from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-24 has also been presented.

APPLICANTS' ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-11, 51-62, and 64, drawn to a method for screening antibodies, for prosecution at this time. As to the species election, applicants hereby elect the species corresponding to **SEQ ID NO: 22**. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-11, 51-62, and 64 all read on the elected species.

REMARKS

Claims 1-66 are now pending in the subject U.S. patent application. Claims 1-66 as filed have been subjected to a Restriction/Election Requirement. A species election from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-24 was also presented. Claims 1-11, 34-62, and 64 were identified as being generic to the species of SEQ ID NOs: 17-24.

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement, applicants have elected the claims of Group I, claims 1-11, 51-62, and 64, for prosecution at this time. Applicants have also elected the following species: **SEQ ID NO: 22**, upon which to initiate the search.

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Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the unelected subject matter.

CONCLUSIONS

Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

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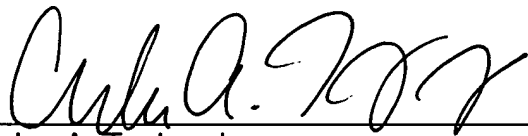
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Respectfully submitted,

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